(c) whether the Central Government have taken any decision in this regard; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) to (d) According to the information available with this Department, no request has been received by the Central Government from State Electricity Boards to waive off their dues towards Coals India Limited.

Direct Air service between Delhi and Tezpur

40. SHRI NYODEK YONGGAM: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any proposal from the people of North Eastern States to provide for a direct air service between Delhi and Tezpur; and

(b) if so, by when it is likely to be started?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAV RAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The traffic potential does not justify a direct air service from Delhi to Tezpur.

Power shortage in Arunachal Pradesh

41. SHRI NYODEK YONGGAM: Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there has been large scale power shortages throughout the State of Arunachal Pradesh;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) what corrective steps are proposed to be taken by the Central Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) During the period April-June, 1991, the energy shortage in Arunachal Pradesh was 8.5 per cent.

(b) and (c) Apart from a few isolated micro-hydel and diesel generating stations, Arunachal Pradesh also receives power from the North Eastern Grid through Assam to meet its power requirements. The 132 KV Gohpur-Itanagar transmission line which was completed in June, 1991 is likely to be subsidised by the end of July, 1991. Stable operation of this line would enable Arunachal Pradesh to avail its share of power from Central Sector Stations of NEEPCO and NHPC in the North Eastern Region.

Setting up of Thermal Power Projects in Arunachal Pradesh

42. SHRI NYODEK YONGGAM: Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government have received any proposol from the Arunachal Pradesh Government for setting up of thermal power projects to meet the power shortages in the State during the Eighth-Five-Year Plan period; and

(b) if so, what are the details of such projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Government of Arunachal Pradesh have submitted a project report for setting up a 1x6 MW gas based power plant at Kharsang in the District of Changlang of Arunachal Pradesh. The project